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LAURA KINNEY WAS CREATED TO BE A WEAPON, BUT SHE ESCAPED THAT LIFE WITH THE HELP OF THE MAN SHE WAS CLONED FROM, THE MAN WHO BECAME HER MENTOR: LOGAN, KNOWN AS WOLVERINE. THE ORIGINAL WOLVERINE HAS FALLEN, BUT LAURA WILL LIVE AS HIS LEGACY AND FIGHT FOR HER BETTER FUTURE.

SHE IS THE ALL-NEW WOLVERINE.

AN ALIEN CHILD CRASH-LANDED ON EARTH, BRINGING A VIRUS WITH HER. THOUGH THE CHILD DIED, WOLVERINE WAS ABLE TO CURE THOSE AFFECTED BY THE VIRUS WITH HER HEALING FACTOR. WITH THE HELP OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY, WOLVERINE AND HER PRETEEN CLONE NAMED GABBY TOOK TO THE STARS, TRACING THE ALIEN CHILD'S JOURNEY UNTIL THEY CAME TO A MOON....WHERE THEY FOUND A HEAVILY FORTIFIED CITY AND THE BROOD. THEY WERE QUICKLY OVERWHELMED AND GABBY WAS TAKEN BY THE BROOD IN THE FIGHT.

NOW, WOLVERINE MUST ATTEMPT TO SAVE THE PEOPLE IN THE BESIEGED CITY...AND SOMEHOW SAVE GABBY, WHO HAS BEEN MUTATED BY THE BROOD INTO THEIR NEW QUEEN.

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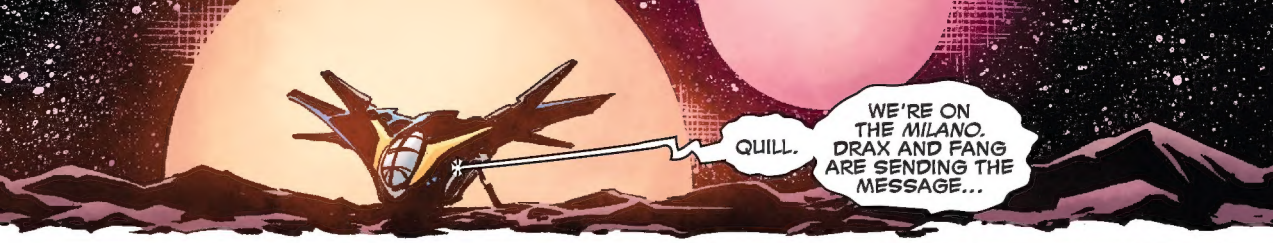
I KNOW YOU'RE THERE, WOLVERINE.
DEEP BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE MOON OF RHITTLE.
GABBY?
SHE'S NOT GABBY ANYMORE.
THE HIVE KNOWS YOU'RE HERE.
COME JOIN THE BROOD...

...BE A QUEEN WITH ME!
WHAT NOW?
NOW, GAMORA, WE RUN!
AND I'M USING MY DAMN GUNS.
CHOOM
ROCKET!


QUILL.
WE'RE ON THE *MILANO*. DRAX AND FANG ARE SENDING THE MESSAGE...

...BUT I RAN INTO A BIT OF A PROBLEM.
I AM GROOT.

I'M FIXING HIM AS FAST AS I CAN. NAGGING ME DOESN'T HELP.
I. AM. GROOT.
GAH!

HOW'S THE RESCUE GOING?
HUH?
CHANGE OF PLANS.

CHOOM
WE'RE BLOWING UP THE MOON!

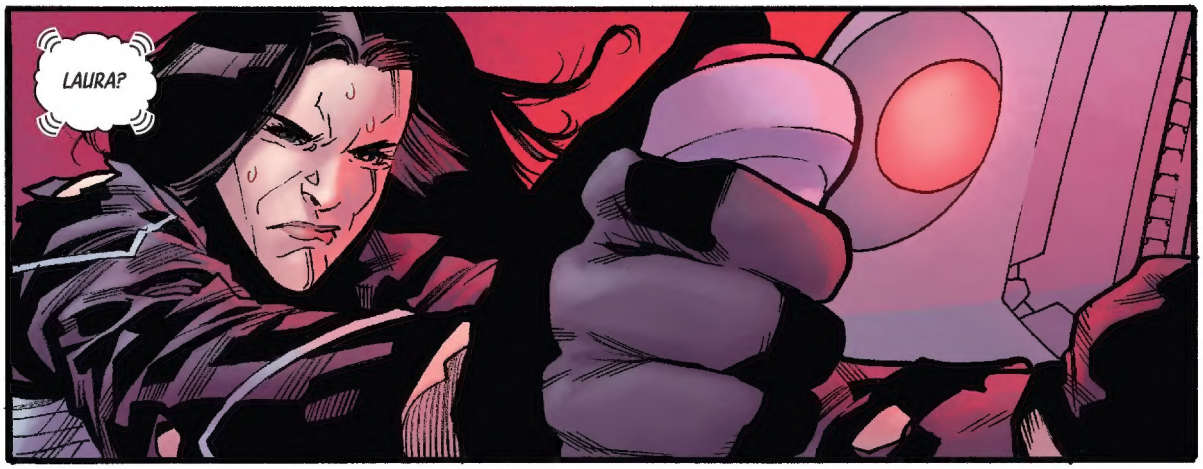
WE'RE NOT BLOWING UP THE MOON.
I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS, BUT YOUR SISTER ISN'T YOUR SISTER ANYMORE. SHE'S A PARASITIC, DEATH-SPREADING ALIEN QUEEN.
SHE'S MORE THAN THAT.
OKAY. BUT THE PARASITIC, DEATH-SPREADING ALIEN QUEEN BIT OUTWEIGHS WHATEVER OTHER FINE QUALITIES SHE MAY HAVE.
THE BROOD TAKE ON GENETIC PROPERTIES OF THEIR HOSTS.
SHLK
IF SHE GETS OFF THIS MOON, WITH HER HEALING ABILITIES, SHE COULD MAKE ARMIES OF UNKILLABLE WOLVERINE-BROOD HYBRIDS. THEY COULD TAKE OVER GALAXIES.
I'M TELLING YOU, WE NEED TO EVACUATE THE SCIENTISTS. AND THEN WE NEED TO OBLITERATE THIS PLACE.

THE DOME. LATER.
LISTEN CAREFULLY.
ROCKET IS HOLDING A POWERFUL BOMB THAT HE ASSEMBLED FAR MORE EASILY THAN I'M COMFORTABLE WITH.
WE'RE BLOWING THE BROOD TO PIECES.
WE CAN'T FIT YOU ALL ON THE *MILANO*.
HOWEVER, SEVERAL OF YOUR DAMAGED VESSELS STILL HAVE LIFE SUPPORT, EVEN IF THEY DON'T HAVE THRUSTERS...OR SHIELDS... OR MUCH PROTECTION AT ALL REALLY.
WE THINK WE CAN PULL THEM INTO SPACE WITH US.
YOU *"THINK"*?
WELL, YEAH. IT'S NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE.
OF COURSE IT'S AN EXACT SCIENCE. IT'S MASS, LIFT, VELOCITY, AIR DENSITY--
OKAY. THE FREAKING GENIUS HERE WILL STAY BEHIND AND WRITE A PAPER ON THE CORRECT WAY HE SHOULD HAVE ESCAPED HIS IMMINENT DEATH.
AS FOR THE REST OF US, DRAX HAS ATTACHED SOME BIG CHAINS FROM THE *MILANO* TO A COUPLE OF OTHER VESSELS. WE'RE BLASTING OFF.
WE'RE TAKING GABBY WITH US.
NO. WE'RE NOT.
WE'LL FIND A WAY TO CONTAIN HER, AND CURE HER.
IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY.
TRUST ME. I KNOW WHAT THE BROOD CAN DO.

WE'LL NEED A PATH THROUGH THE BROOD. SOMEONE WILL NEED TO OPERATE THE BIG GUNS.
DIBS!
NO. YOU'RE NEEDED TO OPERATE THE BOMB REMOTELY. I'LL STAY.
I'LL CLEAR A PATH WITH THE CANNONS AND THEN I'LL COVER YOU.
OKAY. BUT TAKE A JETPACK.
LAURA.
LAURA.
YOU'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND US, YEAH?
YES.
I'M SERIOUS. NOBLE SACRIFICES AREN'T AS HEROIC AS SOME PEOPLE THINK. LIVING TO FIGHT SOME MORE IS BETTER.
GET TO THE SHIPS.

"I'LL CLEAR A PATH."
KA-KHOOM

GO. GO. GO!!!
CHOOOM
CHOOM


LAURA?

LAURA.
GABBY?
I'M IN HERE.
WOLVERINE. TIME TO GO!
SHE'S TALKING TO ME.
SHE'S NOT.
THEY CAN USE THEIR HOSTS. SHE'S TRICKING YOU. SHE'S AN AGENT OF PURE EVIL.
PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME.

WHAT'S SHE DOING?
SHE'S SO BRAVE...
"...AND SO STUPID."
QUILL. WE CAN'T JUST HOVER HERE AND WAIT FOR HER. THEY HAVE WINGS.
WE NEED TO GO!

LAURA.
GABBY.
I WON'T LEAVE YOU. I'VE TOLD YOU THIS BEFORE.
SNIKT
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IF I END HERE...
HSSSS.
...I END WITH YOU.

HRAARGH!!
SHNK
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I DON'T KNOW. SOMETHING'S...
SOMETHING IS...
SHRRRP
HRNNN!!!

GABBY?
OH. THAT WAS SO GROSS.
WHAT THE FLARK JUST HAPPENED?
I THINK HER HEALING FACTOR JUST PURGED AN ENTIRE BROOD QUEEN.
#$%*!
I. AM. GROOT!
LAURA.
I WAS AN ALIEN. I COULD HEAR EMPIRES. VOICES BEYOND THE STARS.
AND...?
IT SUCKED.
HOLD ON. WE'RE OUT OF HERE.
I WANTED TO LAY EGGS IN PEOPLE'S NECKS. THAT'S REALLY DISCONCERTING.

JONATHAN!
IS HE OKAY?
ASK HIM YOURSELF.
I GOT SICK OF TRYING TO GUESS WHAT HE WAS SAYING, SO I STUCK A UNIVERSAL TRANSLATOR ON HIM.
JONATHAN? YOU...UNDERSTAND ME?
YES.
THANK. YOU. YOU AND ANGRY ONE. THANK YOU. SAVE ME. GIVE ME HOME. LIKING ME.
WILL DIE FOR YOU.
ALSO, AM HUNGRY.
WOLVERINE. CONFESSION TIME. I DIDN'T SEND FOR YOU.
YOU DID. THE CHILD...
OKAY. YES. I DID. BUT IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE JUST YOU.
WHAT? SHE SAID MY NAME.
YEAH. IT WAS A LIST. THE POOR KID MUST HAVE DIED BEFORE SPOUTING ANY MORE NAMES.
I WAS HONESTLY HOPING FOR HANK McCOY, REED RICHARDS, TONY STARK...
BUT I'M GLAD IT WAS YOU.

I'VE BEEN THINKING.
YOU SAID THE BROOD ARRIVED TWO CYCLES AGO?
ABOUT THAT.
QUILL. YOU SCANNED THE SURFACE OF THE WHOLE MOON ON OUR WAY IN, DIDN'T YOU?
YEAH.
THE BROOD TRAVEL BY INFECTING THE MINDS OF AN ACANTI OR A STAR SHARK.
BOTH ARE HUGE CREATURES.
ANY SIGN OF AN ACANTI ANYWHERE? OR A STAR SHARK?
NO.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I'M SAYING THE GUY BEHIND YOU SMELLS NERVOUS.
AND HE'S SHIFTY AS ALL #$%*.
I'M GUESSING HE WAS EXPERIMENTING WITH A BROOD QUEEN AND IT GOT AWAY.
I KNOW A THING OR TWO ABOUT EXPERIMENTS THAT GET AWAY.
ME TOO.
HE TRIED TO DEAL WITH HIS MISTAKE BY DESTROYING IT, AND JUST MADE IT WORSE.
I ALSO KNOW ABOUT THAT.
ME TOO.

IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT, RANKINE?
I WAS ASKED TO FIND A WAY TO DEAL WITH--
YOUR VIRUS KILLED PEOPLE ON EARTH. FAMILIES.
SO MANY OF OUR PEOPLE.
MY DAUGHTER.
THD THDTHD THD
SHOULDN'T SOMEONE BE STOPPING THIS?
WHY?
THAT'S ENOUGH.

ROCKET. CAN YOU STILL BLOW UP THE MOON?
OH. I CAN BLOW UP THE MOON.
YOU CAN'T!

NO. REALLY. I CAN. I JUST HAVE TO PRESS THIS BUTTON AND--
DON'T!

PLEASE LET ME BLOW UP A MOON.
THERE'S NO REASON TO ANYMORE. THE GIRL PURGED THE QUEEN. THE THREAT OF A BROOD EVOLUTION IS GONE.
IF YOU DESTROY THE MOON, YOU DESTROY ALL OF OUR RESEARCH. ALL OF OUR SAMPLES.

IS THERE ANYTHING DOWN THERE OTHER THAN DISEASE?
ANYTHING YOU'VE CREATED THAT CAN ACTUALLY HELP PEOPLE? ANYTHING AT ALL THAT MAKES THE GALAXY A BETTER PLACE?

NOT IN A CONVENTIONAL SENSE. BUT THOSE DISEASES CAN BE WEAPONIZED. WE COULD WIN CONFLICTS WITHOUT RISKING A SINGLE LIFE.
LIVES WILL BE LOST. JUST NOT THOSE OF THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

PLEASE.
DON'T.
SNIKT
DEET
OOPS.
I AM GROOT?
I AM GROOT.
I. AM. GROOT.

BOOM

PRETTY.

OKAY. WELL, THIS WAS FUN.
STOPPED ANOTHER EVIL SCOURGE FROM SPREADING ACROSS THE GALAXY. BLEW UP A MOON.
WHAT DO WE DO WITH RANKINE?
S.H.I.E.L.D. WILL WANT HIM TO ANSWER FOR HIS CRIMES ON EARTH.
HE HAS WRONGED THE SHI'AR EMPIRE, TOO. LET ME TAKE HIM FOR PUNISHMENT.
WEAPONS SCIENTISTS HAVE A HABIT OF WINDING UP *WORKING* FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO *PUNISH* THEM.
AGREED. THIS NEEDS DISCUSSION. THERE'S NO GUARANTEE S.H.I.E.L.D. OR THE SHI'AR EMPIRE WILL DO THE RIGHT...
WAIT. RANKINE!
WHERE DID HE GO?
DEEET DEEET DEEET DEEET
WHAT'S--?
IT'S THE *AIR LOCK!*

DEEET DEE--
ROCKET?
WHAT?
WHAT DID YOU DO?
YOU ALL LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A MORAL CONUNDRUM.
SO, I TOOK CARE OF IT.
YOUR MORAL CONUNDRUM SHOULD BE FLOATING IN THE VACUUM OF SPACE RIGHT OUTSIDE THAT WINDOW.
OKAY. FUN TIMES. DAY SAVED. BAD GUY ASPHYXIATED.
LET'S GET YOU ALL HOME.
NEXT: SNIKT!

HOUSE OF X

This HOUSE OF X I want to talk about some spectacular storylines going on in a few of our books.

If you haven't heard the big news, sorry to spoil, but in ASTONISHING X-MEN we've revealed that X-Men founder Charles Xavier is trapped in the astral plane by his archenemy, the Shadow King. Will he make it back to the land of the living? Issue #2 is on sale now and reveals more of the mind-blowing and dangerous mission some of your favorite X-Men have embarked on. And, hate to tell you, but one of them isn't going to make it back. Written by Charles Soule and drawn by master artist Mike Deodato Jr.

One of my favorite X-Men villains, Omega Red, returns to give the X-MEN GOLD team a megaton of trouble in a heartbreaking story of Rasputin family drama. A poignant but action-packed tale by Mark Guggenheim and Lan Medina. Over in X-MEN BLUE, Hank's dabbling with the dark arts will have major ramifications for him and his teammates, so don't miss the beginning of a three-parter that will bring out the beast in our young team and debut a new future member. The mystical mayhem is brought to you by Cullen Bunn, Giovanni Valletta and Douglas Franchin.

And over in one of my favorite solo titles, ICEMAN, Bobby Drake reveals something he's kept from his family all his life while an epic battle with one of the X-Men's biggest baddies, Juggernaut, breaks out in the story of the year by Sina Grace and Alessandro Vitti.

We've run out of room but next House of X I'll give tidbits on more X-titles. And speaking of our winning lineup, here's a checklist of our awesome books:

X-MEN GOLD:

By Marc Guggenheim and Lan Medina. Kitty Pryde takes charge and leads a new team into a heroic age!
Issue #12!

X-MEN BLUE:

By Cullen Bunn and Douglas Franchin. The time-displaced original five join their greatest enemy, Magneto. Evil mutants, you're toast!
Issue #12!

WEAPON X:

By Greg Pak, Marc Borstel and Ibraim Roberson. The Weapon X program is back, but this time they are building weapons of mutant destruction. Old Man Logan, Sabretooth and a team of stealthy killers take the bloody battle back to them.
Issue #9!

ALL-NEW WOLVERINE:

By Tom Taylor and Leonard Kirk. A virus from another world threatens to wipe out mankind. Kicking off an epic tale that will take Laura Kinney to the stars.
Issue #24 on sale now!

GENERATION X:

By Christina Strain and Eric Koda. Jubilee and a band of mutant misfits in the new Xavier Institute. What could go wrong? EVERYTHING!
Issue #6!

JEAN GREY:

By Dennis Hopeless and Paul Davidson. She's the leader of X-MEN BLUE, but what does she do in her spare time? What would you do if you had a premonition of the Phoenix Force returning?
Issue #6 on sale now!

CABLE:

By James Robinson and Yildiray Cinar. A new villain is traveling through time to assemble a doomsday weapon. Cable's most dangerous mission ever!
Issue #4 on sale now!

ICEMAN:

By Sina Grace and Robert Gil. The coolest hero on the planet, Bobby Drake the elder, in super-hero solo adventures.
Issue #6!

OLD MAN LOGAN:

By Ed Brisson and Mike Deodato Jr. The Maestro! Old Man Logan! Deodato! 'Nuff said!
Issue #29!

ASTONISHING X-MEN:

By Charles Soule and a murderers' row of chart-topping and up-and-coming artists. Fan-favorite characters battle one of the X-Men's most dangerous foes!
Issue #4!

Make sure to let us know your thoughts. You can email us at officex@marvel.com (add "OKAY TO PRINT" in the subject line). And don't forget about #XMENMONDAY on Twitter, where I'll post some tidbit from one or more of the books and address your questions. I can't guarantee an answer for everybody, but I'll do my darndest!

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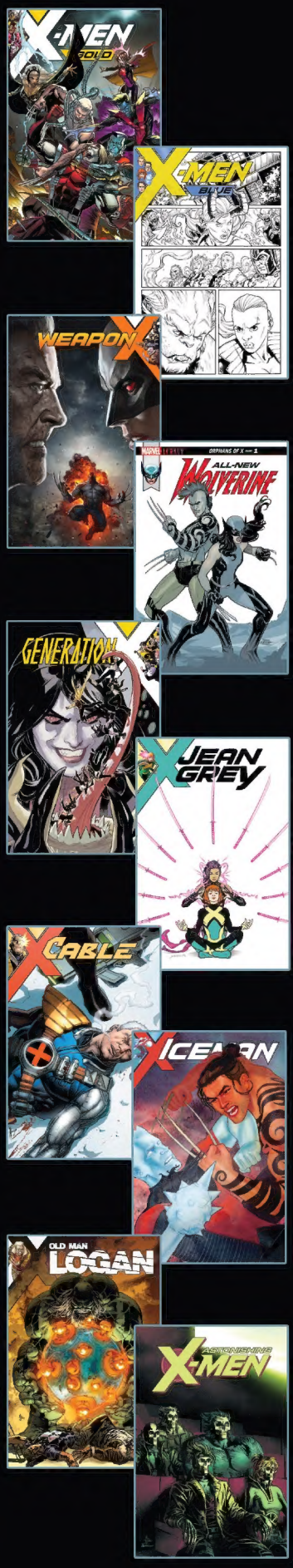

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